श्री महावीर प्रसाद: सभापति महोदय, आपकी आज्ञा से मैं सदस्य को बताना चाहता हूं कि इस बारे में एक सर्वेक्षण हुआ है। 3.4.1997 को एक अधिसूचित 15 वस्तुओं का हमने सर्वेक्षण कराया है।

श्री सभापति: क्या लिखा हुआ जवाब दिया है?

श्री महावीर प्रसाद: लिखा हुआ जवाब दिया गया है।

डा॰ मुरली मनोहर जोशी: उसमें यह नहीं है।

श्री महावीर प्रसाद: महोदय, जो माननीय सदस्य पूछना चाहते हैं मैं उनको विधिवत् उत्तर भेज दूंगा।

श्री सभापति: अब छोड़िए। Question Hour is over.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO STARRED QUESTIONS

Visit of Microsoft Chairman

*27. SHRI KALRAJ MISHRA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the founder Chairman of Microsoft during his recent visit to New Delhi in December, 2005 discussed with him various areas of cooperation, to create an enabling environment for adoption of Information Technology across the country;

(b) if so, the areas of cooperarion thus identified and the terms of cooperation agreed upon; and

(c) the steps taken/being taken in pursuance thereof?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI DAYANIDHI MARAN): (a) and (b) During his recent visit to New Delhi in December 2005. Founder Chairman of Microsoft held discussion with Minister of Communications and IT on the following areas:

(i) Launch of Windows XP Starter Edition for India

(ii) IT enabled Education

(iii) Support for establishment of Rural Kiosks

(iv) Steps to accelerate PC and Broadband penetration in India

(v) Language Computing Initiatives

(vi) E-Governance Investment Fund and Innovation Centre

(vii) Security Cooperation

(c) An agreement has been signed in the area of "Security Cooperation" by Computer Emergency Response Team (CERT-In) of Department of Information Technology (DIT) with Microsoft. For the "E-Governance Investment Fund and Innovation Center", National Institute of Smart Governance (NISG), a Section 25, not-for-profit Company, promoted by government jointly with the private sector has entered into the agreement.

Reservation in jobs for minorities

*28. SHRI PROMOD MAHAJAN: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to introduce reservation of jobs for minorities on the basis of religion; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI SUBBULAKSHMI JAGADEESAN): (a) and (b) No such proposal is under consideration for the Government. However, a National Commission for Religious and Linguistic Minorities has been set up to suggest the criteria for identification of socially and economically backward sections among religious and linguistic minorities and to recommend measures for their welfare, including reservation in education and government employment.

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*30. SHRI B.K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the differences between Government and the Indian